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Docket No.: 1194-5

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant :	Burssens et al.	)	Examiner:
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For :	STRESS TOLERANT PLANTS	)	
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Dated :	November 25, 2002	)	

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND § 1.143**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

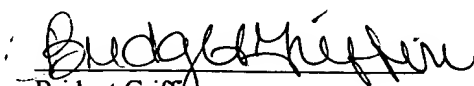
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-14 and 16-31, drawn to a method for obtaining plants tolerant to abiotic stress conditions by introducing into a plant cell a CDK nucleic acid molecule that results in the presence of a CDK protein that is not susceptible to inhibitory phosphorylation.

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